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## **FAMILY-SCHOOL COVENANT**

### **Partnership in Developing Christian Character**

According to the Bible, parents are responsible for the training of their children (Deut. 6: 1- 7; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6: 1-4). Peoples Christian Academy serves as partners with parents in providing an excellent education consistent with biblical truth. Harmony between home and school provides the best environment for godly training to take place. We seek to nurture development of the following essential character traits in the lives of our students.

**INTEGRITY**                      **Maintaining a lifestyle that is above reproach.**

A Christian should be honest, moral and trustworthy in all dealings (Titus 1 :8; Job 27:5; Prov. 11 :3, 20: 11; 1 Kings 9:4; Ps. 15).

**RESPECT**                      **An attitude that highly esteems those in properly placed authority .**

Parents, teachers, employers, governmental authority and church leaders have been placed in our lives by God. God gave us a biblical command to honour them for our own good (Rom. 13:1-7; Heb. 13:7; 1 Peter 2:13-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).

**OBEDIENCE**                      **The outworking of the attitude of respect.**

We are to obey God and all those He has placed over us in our lives. When we obey, we show our love and respect for God and the authorities He has ordained. Our lives then will be long and fruitful as He has promised (John 14:21; Eph. 6:1-4; Rom. 13:1-7; Prov. 6:23).

**SELF-DISCIPLINE** **The ability to control one's thoughts and actions.**

The goal is to have a life under control-self-disciplined by the Spirit of God (Gal. 5:22-26; Job 5:17; Prov. 16:32,25:28; 1 Tim. 4:7,8).

**GODLY LIVING**    **A lifestyle that exhibits the fruit of the Spirit and resists the acts of the sinful nature.**

Our standards are found in God's Word and our desire must be one with God and His holiness (Gal. 5:16-26; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Peter 1:13-16,2:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Prov. 23:29-35; Phil. 4:8; Rom. 8:6-8).

**WISDOM**                      **Understanding what is true from God's perspective, and doing what is right.**

Wisdom comes from God and our respect for Him. It is developed in our lives by our proper response to correction. If we do not respond to correction with a teachable spirit, the Bible calls us fools and unable to attain wisdom (Prov. 1:7,20-33; Prov. 2:1-22; Prov. 4:7).

**RESPONSIBILITY** **Being dependable and accountable in all relationships and tasks.**

We are accountable to each other to love, encourage, confront, comfort and forgive. Furthermore, initiative, intellectual integrity and excellence should be the marks of all tasks we attempt (1 Cor. 13; Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1-5; Eph. 5:29-32; Eccl. 9:10).

**THANKFULNESS** **Developing an attitude of gratefulness.**

We are to be thankful for everything God brings into our lives. Knowing that God's dealings in our lives are intended for our "good" will help create an attitude of gratefulness for the things others do for us (Phil. 4:6,7; 1 Thess. 5:18; Col. 2:7; Eph. 5:20).

**SERVICE**                      **A spirit of humility in focusing on the needs of others.**

Christ is our example in living a life that is not self-centered but rather seeking ways to serve not rule (Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:311; James 4:6,10).

**ETERNAL VALUES**                      **A focus that is upward.**

The key is to live each day with the realization that only what is done for eternity counts (James 4:14; Matt. 6:33; Matt. 6:19-21).

### **COVENANT RESPONSE FORM FOR PARENTS**

We are in support of the educational philosophy, objectives, standards of conduct and the life-principles of Peoples Christian Academy. We will cooperate with the school in a spirit of partnership in the training of our child(ren).

We understand and accept that the curriculum and teaching practices of Peoples Christian Academy is based on a worldview that is founded in the school's Statement of Faith and the Statement of Core Family Values.

If at any time during the training of our child(ren), we can no longer work together in a spirit of unity, and all reasonable avenues of communication are exhausted, we will withdraw our child(ren) from Peoples Christian Academy.

We understand that wilful disobedience by our child(ren) to these principles and guidelines may result in dismissal from Peoples Christian Academy.

All of the information in this application is accurate and complete. Any omission may result in loss of privilege to attend Peoples Christian Academy.

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Father's Signature (or Legal Guardian)

Date

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Mother's Signature (or Legal Guardian)

Date



## **STATEMENT OF FAITH – WHAT WE BELIEVE!**

### **THE SCRIPTURES:**

We believe that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (II Timothy 3:16-17), and we understand this to mean that the whole Bible is inspired in that holy men of God "were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21) to write the very words of Scripture. We believe this to mean that, the whole of Scripture as it appeared in the original manuscripts is inerrant.

### **THE TRIUNE GODHEAD:**

We believe in one God (Mark 12:29) eternally existing (John 1:1-4) in three persons (II Corinthians 13:14, I John 5:7-8), namely Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **VIRGIN BIRTH:**

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:27-35), born of the Virgin Mary (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18) and was truly the Son of Man (John 12:34) and the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:**

(Romans 10:9-10) We believe in the literal resurrection of the crucified body of the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 4:24-25), that He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:10-11) and is presently in heaven acting on behalf of believers as their High Priest and Advocate (Hebrews 4:14-15).

### **MAN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD:**

We believe that man was created by and in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27, John 1:3) and that man sinned, and in his natural state is lost, alienated from God and incapable of attaining salvation by any personal effort or merit (Romans 3:24-25).

### **ATONEMENT FOR SINS:**

We believe that Christ died as a sacrifice for our sins and that, because He shed His blood, the salvation of man is a free gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his death for us (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9).

### **SALVATION:**

We believe that salvation is a free gift by God's grace through faith without works of any kind (Ephesians 2:8-9), that all who accept the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God (John 1:12).

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

We believe that the Christian life is impossible apart from the indwelling presence and enabling of the Holy Spirit. Simultaneous to our salvation we were 'sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption' (Ephesians 4:30), we were 'baptized by One Spirit into one body' (I Corinthians 12:13), and we are to live each day in the fullness of the Holy Spirit by yielding all that we are to his control (Ephesians 5:18). The Holy Spirit equips us to live holy lives, producing the 'fruit of the Spirit' (Galatians 5: 22-23), and giving Spiritual Gifts to enable us to serve God effectively by bringing blessing to others (I Corinthians 12:4-7). We are warned not to 'grieve the Holy Spirit' by sinful activity (Ephesians 4:30) and therefore to confess our sin in order to maintain a wholesome and effective relationship with God (1 John 1:9).

### **THE CHRISTIAN WALK:**

We believe that the Christian is called with a holy calling to live a life of obedience to God and separation from evil and to faithfully identify with and serve through a local church to fulfill the great commission to go, teach, and baptize and do the Lord's work until He returns.

### **BODILY RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:**

We believe in the personal bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to set up His kingdom (Titus 2:13).

### **BODILY RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST:**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust (John 5:28-29; Daniel 12:2), the everlasting blessing of the believer (the just) (Romans 8:23; I Corinthians 15) and the everlasting conscious punishment of the unbeliever (the unjust) (Psalm 90:3-4); Revelation 20:12-15; Matthew 25:31-46).

### **THE GREAT COMMISSION:**

We believe that, until the return of Christ, it is the Christian's privilege and duty and the supreme task of the Church to evangelize the world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

## **STATEMENT OF CORE FAMILY VALUES**

All members of the board, administration and staff of Peoples Christian Academy believe that the Bible is the written Word of God and without error in all its teachings. Because of our understanding of the Old and New Testaments our school teaches these Core Family Values:

1. That it is unacceptable for Christians to teach hatred against any group or individual.
2. That human life begins at conception and that an unborn child at any stage of development is a human being and should be treated as such.
3. That sexual intimacy is only morally acceptable within a marriage relationship.
4. That premarital or extramarital sexual intimacy heterosexual or homosexual including but not limited to intercourse is morally wrong.
5. That marriage is an exclusively heterosexual institution.

**But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.** **Is 40:31**